

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 520

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Waymon Logan Hickman, Sr., upon receiving the University of Tennessee College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Distinguished Alumni Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Waymon Logan Hickman, Sr., who recently received the University of Tennessee College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Distinguished Alumni Award; and

WHEREAS, the award is presented annually to a graduate of the college for outstanding achievement in the academic or corporate community or for noteworthy public service; Mr. Hickman, class of 1956, has excelled in both areas of recognition; and

WHEREAS, Waymon Hickman served with probity during a forty-seven-year career that culminated in his retirement as chairman and chief executive officer of First Farmers and Merchants Bank, one of the most successful independent banks in Tennessee, with total assets of about \$800 million dollars and an additional \$2.6 billion dollars held by its Trust and Financial Management Department; and

WHEREAS, headquartered in Columbia, the bank operates nineteen offices in seven Tennessee counties; and

WHEREAS, the astute Mr. Hickman has also served on both the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and as president of the Tennessee Bankers Association; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional accomplishments, Waymon Hickman has lent his time and talents to such notable causes as the Maury County Alumni Association, which he

served as president, the UT National Alumni Association Board of Governors and Public Affairs Committee, and the inaugural UT Agricultural Development Board; and

WHEREAS, listed among the UT Institute of Agriculture's most generous benefactors, Mr. Hickman was appointed to the UT Board of Trustees in 2000 and has ably served as chairman of the University Audit Committee and member of the Investment Committee; and

WHEREAS, he has also served on the boards of Columbia State Community College and Martin Methodist College, as president of the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University, president of Middle Tennessee Council Boy Scouts of America, chairman of Maury Regional Hospital, and as an active member of First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Waymon Hickman epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Hickman for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Waymon Logan Hickman, Sr., upon receiving the University of Tennessee College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Distinguished Alumni Award, as we recognize his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.